REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of December 5th, 2005

Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets

Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force

Terrell Bush was wanted by the Prince George's County, Maryland, Police Department for murder stemming from an incident that took place on April 30, 2005, in which Bush is alleged to have shot and killed a victim following a verbal altercation. The Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF) was contacted for assistance in locating and arresting Bush. Information was developed regarding possible locations for the fugitive in Maryland, New Jersey, Ohio, and Georgia. With assistance from the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group (TOG), Bush was tracked to the Atlanta area. CARFTF members, including two Prince George's County detectives, met with members of the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF) in Georgia and on December 8, 2005, were able to track Bush to an apartment in Clarkston, Georgia. An individual left the apartment, and after being approached by investigators, took off running. He was captured after a brief foot chase and confirmed that there were other males still in the apartment. Entry was made into the apartment and Bush was taken into custody without incident. Two handguns were recovered from the apartment. The individual who was apprehended and taken into custody while attempting to flee was identified as Steven Jackson, Bush's uncle, who was wanted in Ohio for child sexual battery.



Terrell Bush
Wanted for Murder

Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force

On December 7, 2005, Carl L. Tucker was arrested in Chicago, Illinois by members of the Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF). Tucker was wanted by the Chicago Police Department for rape and aggravated criminal sexual assault with a knife. In August of 1998, Tucker approached an unsuspecting female at a gas station in the west side of Chicago. At knife point, Tucker allegedly forced the female into his vehicle, placed a blindfold on the victim, and repeatedly raped her. Tucker then drove a short distance from the crime scene, kicked the victim out of his vehicle, and fled the area. On December 7, 2005, GLRFTF investigators developed information that indicated Tucker was residing in Chicago. Task Force officers proceeded to the location and apprehended Tucker inside of the residence.



Carl Tucker

Wanted for Rape and Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault with a Knife

New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force

On December 2, 2005, Camden City (NJ) Police were dispatched to investigate a missing persons call. The person reporting the incident was the victims' wife, April Latta. Police responded to the residence where officers noticed blood on the ground in the garage. Later that evening Camden Police recovered the victim's abandoned vehicle and discovered the victim deceased in the trunk. After the body was discovered, April Latta was taken to the Camden Police Department for further questioning, during which she confessed to being a co-conspirator in the abduction, robbery, and murder of her husband. She further stated that her accomplice was her boyfriend, identified as Marcus Perkins. The assistance of the NY/NY Regional Fugitive Task Force (NY/NJ RFTF) was requested by the Camden City Police Department in locating and apprehending Perkins on unrelated local charges. On December 3, 2005, members of the NY/NJ RFTF located and arrested Perkins on local warrants and transported him to Camden Police Headquarters for questioning. During the arrest, Perkins made crucial statements in the presence of Task Force officers about a possible confession to the homicide. After several hours of questioning, the subject was released after posting bail on the local warrants. On December 5, 2005, a warrant for homicide was issued for Perkins. Later that day, members of the NY/NJ RFTF located and arrested Perkins on the homicide warrant. Latta and Perkins face charges of robbery, kidnapping and murder.



Marcus Perkins



April Latta

Wanted for Robbery, Kidnapping, and Murder

Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force

On December 7, 2005, Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF) investigators, in conjunction with the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group (TOG) and the Atlanta Police Department, arrested Antonio Martin at a house in northwest Atlanta. On November 17, 2005, a fugitive investigation was opened on Antonio Martin after he was indicted in the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia for aggravated stalking. Martin was also wanted by the Dekalb County, Georgia, Sheriff's Office for the charges of rape, aggravated stalking, and aggravated sodomy. On October 24, 2005, Martin violated a protection order against a female with whom he'd previously had a relationship. During the encounter, Martin raped and sodomized the victim. He then fled the area and was believed to be hiding in the company of another female. For the next couple of weeks, several locations were checked and interviews were conducted with negative results. On December 7, 2005, with the assistance of TOG, a new location for Martin was identified. After responding to the address, which was supposed to be an abandoned property, SERFTF investigators noticed someone looking out of a front window. Agents knocked and announced their presence but didn't receive any answer. At that point, forced entry was made into the house and Martin was found hiding in one of the bedrooms. He was taken into custody without incident. His criminal history includes sixteen prior arrests for burglary, assault, and narcotics offenses.



Antonio Martin

Wanted for Aggravated Stalking, Rape, and Aggravated Sodomy

Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force

John Bell was arrested in Los Angeles, California on December 8, 2005 by members of the Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSWRFTF) and detectives and officers from the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). Information provided through the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) Major Crimes Bureau also played a pivotal role in Bell's apprehension. Bell, a member of the "Rolling 40's Crips" street gang, was wanted by the LAPD for at least ten armed robberies of Rite Aid drug stores in the metropolitan Los Angeles area that were committed between June and December 2005. Bell, who has a history of violence including assault and weapons violations, would allegedly rob the stores in the evening hours while holding the employees at gun point. In late November 2005, the LAPD requested the assistance of the PSWRFTF in locating and apprehending Bell. The PSWRFTF initiated an investigation and obtained assistance from the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group (TOG). During the evening hours of December 8, 2005, PSWRFTF and LAPD investigators initiated surveillance in the Southwest Division of Los Angeles at an address believed to be associated with Bell. After several hours, the surveillance team observed Bell and another "Rolling 40s" gang member departing the residence and getting into a van parked outside. The surveillance team contacted patrol units from the LAPD Southwest Division and requested assistance in conducting a felony stop of the vehicle. Within minutes, LAPD patrol units and an LAPD helicopter conducted the stop and Bell was taken into custody without incident. Bell was transported to LAPD for booking on the existing robbery charges and may face additional robbery charges as well.

"Rolling 40's Crips" gang member



John Bell

Wanted for at least Ten Counts of Armed Robbery